



## *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ  
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*Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister*

*Julie Center, Student Minister*

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### **SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

September 5, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

**“Ubi Caritas et Amor”** *Rocherolle*

**“Morning Song”** *Rocherolle*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

\*HYMN

**“When Morning Gilds the Skies”** *(vv. 1-2,4)*

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair;**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say,**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**The powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear,**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of angels cry,**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let mortals too upraise their voice in hymns of praise**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Oladele Ogunsuyi, Deacon*

**Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!**

*People: Let us serve the Lord with gladness and know that the Lord is good!*

**Leader: From the words, “Let there be light,” to the words, “It is finished,” to the words of this moment, the Lord our God has created and carried us!**

*People: We are called children of God, the sheep of God’s pasture, God’s holy community.*

**Leader: So we come together now in joyful noise to know and to proclaim...**

*People: God’s steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations!*

**\*THE INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER** *(Trespases)*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**RESPONSIVE READING – Christ Be With Me** *by St. Patrick*

*Julie Center*

**Leader: May the strength of God pilot me...**

*People: The power of God uphold me.*

**Leader: May the wisdom of God instruct me,**

*People: The eye of God watch over me,  
The ear of God hear me,  
The hand of God defend me,  
The way of God guide me.*

**Leader: May Christ be with me, before me, and behind me,**

*People: in me, under me, and over me.*

**Leader: May Christ be on my right hand, and on my left...**

*People: on this side...on that side...and at my back.*

**Leader: May Christ be in the head of everyone to whom I speak...**

*People: in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me.*

**Leader: And in the eye of everyone who looks at me.**

*People: May Christ be in the ear of every person who hears me today. May He be in me, and in you, now, and always. Amen.*

## OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Julie Center*

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation, please text as follows:

**Text: 860-854-1995**

\$\_\_\_ Pledge

\$\_\_\_ Plate

To give **online**, please visit our website at [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org)

To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:  
Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

*Thank you!*

OFFERTORY

**“At the Passing of the Day”** *Joseph/Linn*

*Beau Allen, Soloist*

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, as we give, you ask us to remember that this moment is a sacred opportunity for us to both thank you for our lives and share your love through our gifts. May You use these offerings to spread your love and your light throughout our church, our community, and our world. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

**Mark 6:1-6**

**1** (Jesus) left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. **4** Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." **5** And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. **6** And he was amazed at their unbelief.

## SERMON

**"MORE THAN A CARPENTER"**

*Les Miller*

## \*HYMN

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, fount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise to Thee an altar; here by Thy great help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”** *Rutter* *Beau Allen, Soloist*

POSTLUDE

**“Praise God, Ye Christians”** *Bach* *Elaine DeGrood, Organ*



***PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, PROVIDED WITH LOVE – FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE !***

***THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD NOW MANDATES THAT MASKS*** be worn in all public indoor spaces. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

***ROOMS WITH A VIEW IS BACK FOR 2021!*** We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our annual fundraiser this year. Save the date! **The Opening Party is November 4, and show dates are from November 5 through 7.** Please contact Chris Philip at [cwmphilip@gmail.com](mailto:cwmphilip@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. He is looking for an Administrative Assistant, Auction Manager, and Volunteer Manager in addition to people to help with graphic design, digital design, advertising, PR and administrative duties.

***WE WISH PAUL AND LAURA WHITMORE WELL ON THEIR VACATION!***

Paul and Laura are currently taking a well-deserved break to disconnect and recharge until September 7. For all pastoral and church concerns, please contact our **Student Minister, Julie Center**, who will be covering for the Whitmores, at [jcenter@southportucc.org](mailto:jcenter@southportucc.org) or by phone at (203) 255-1594.

***PIVOT HOUSE MEALS BEING SHARED EACH WEEK!*** Every Wednesday in July and August, SCC has joined up with The Little Pub to provide a hot meal to the 50 men who are working to break the chains of addiction in their own lives.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** is Deacon Oladele Ogunsuyi. We thank our student minister, Julie Center, for assisting with today's service!

***WE THANK OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS,*** Beau Allen and Elaine DeGrood for providing us with beautiful music during today's service.

***THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM LEAD*** – Thank you to **Parker Whitmore** for his help with the live streaming of today's service!

***THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given by the Fellowship Committee by the Glory of God. **If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement**, dates are available for Sundays in September. Please contact Pam [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) for additional information - thank you!

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**Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore**

**Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore**

### CHURCH STAFF:

Student Minister – Julie Center

Director of Administration – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager – Jackson Siegel

Church Secretary - Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova

Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Facilities & Grounds Manager – Tim O’Neill

Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot

Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

Ryan McClay ◊	Moderator
Cari Pfeiffer	Clerk
Joyce Hergenhan	ALM
Patti Spaght	ALM
Paul Doocy	ALM
Sydney King	ALM
Susan Kunkel	Carousel
Marjory Palmer	Deacons
Denise Caron-Quinn	Deacons
Leah Davis	Deacons
Beth Santa	Education
Melissa Ogunsuyi	Education
Sherry Greer	Missions
Lisa Doocy	Missions
Tim Stuart	Trustee
Kristin Hathaway	Preschool
Greg Berg	B&G
Irene Santa	Music
Carol Lasseter-Rice	Fellowship
Bridget Schulten	Ex Officio

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul Doocy ◊
Cindy Jackson
Adrienne MacGuffie
Les Miller
Jennifer O’Neill ◊
Dave Stuart
John Traynor

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Greg Berg ◊	- 2022
Devin Santa	- 2022
Mike Tanguay	- 2022
Stuart Tilghman	- 2022
Ellen Levinson	- 2023
Erno Bacso	- 2024
Ron Manning	- 2024
Jim Vadas	- 2024

#### BED FUND COMMITTEE

Oladele Ogunsuyi	Deacons
Bridget Schulten	Chairman
Sherry Greer	Missions

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kristin Hathaway	- 2022
Melissa Ogunsuyi	- 2022
Jo Anne Parady	- 2022
Beth Santa ◊	- 2022
Leslie Uhl	- 2022
Christina Whittaker Haas	- 2023
Katie Keiser	- 2023
Erik Mayville	- 2023
Ellery Malkin	- 2024
Laura McClay	- 2024
Cari Pfeiffer	- 2024
Kassandra Savicki	- 2024

#### PRESCHOOL BOARD

Laura Amicucci	Director
Paul DiPrato	Treasurer
Elinor Biggs	-2022
Rebecca Mallay	- 2022
Sharon Keiser	- 2023
Jess Miller ◊	- 2023
Leslie Uhl	- 2023
Barbara Evans	- 2024
Amy Sperrazza	- 2024
Kristin Hathaway	BOCE Rep.
Allie Sherman	Parent Rep.
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees Rep.

#### MISSION OUTREACH BOARD

Elinor Biggs	- 2022
Lisa Doocy	- 2022
Mary Lou McGuire +	- 2022
Linda Murphy	- 2022
Andrea Pezzimenti	- 2022
Sherry Greer ◊	- 2023
Tyler Hathaway	- 2023
Kirk Jackson	- 2023
Bob MacGuffie	- 2023
Liz Waiksnis	- 2023
Craig Gillespie	- 2024
Karen Jones	- 2024
Hedy Mosier	- 2024
Traci Provost	- 2024
Peggy Stuart	- 2024
Leahkay White	- 2024

#### BOARD OF DEACONS

Denise Caron-Quinn	- 2022
Leah Davis	- 2022
Katie Traynor	- 2022
Andrew Malkin	- 2023
Marjory Palmer ◊	- 2023
Jeff Provost	- 2023
Jeffrey Earls	- 2024
Ann Lillis	- 2024
Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2024
Tamberlyn Chapman	- 2025
Sadhana Joliet +	- 2025
Joe Pezzimenti	- 2025

#### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Dwight Holmberg	- 2022
Laura Wilbur	- 2022
Irene Santa	- 2023
Peary Spaght ◊	- 2023
Jack Ijams	- 2024
Ruth Merchant	- 2024
Ed Sanford	- 2024
Jeff Provost	Deacon Liaison

#### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Carol Lasseter-Rice	- 2022
Ann Lillis	- 2022
Hedy Mosier	- 2022
Jean Schluter	- 2022
Robin Marshlow	- 2023
Traci Provost	- 2023
Erika Wright	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2024
Betsy Gillespie	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

#### CARING TEAM

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeff Nickell	- 2022
Tim Stuart ◊	- 2022
Stephani Whittaker	- 2022
Jim Biggs	- 2023
Gary Johnson	- 2023
Joe Ryan	- 2023
Dave Stuart	- 2023
Katia Mead	- 2024
Bridget Schulten	- 2024
Trevor Uhl, Treasurer	- 2022
Tim O’Neill, B&G Liaison	-2022

#### CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Gloria Miller	- 2022
Susan Kunkel ◊	- 2023
Janet Sherwood	- 2023
Karen Macdonald	- 2024
Les Miller	- 2024
Nancy Pandolfi	- 2024

#### HISTORIAN

Sally Ijams	- 2022
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#### LAY DELEGATES

Les Miller	- 2022
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#### FLOWER COMMITTEE

Leah Davis	Deacon Liaison
Pam Poling	Staff Liaison

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul Doocy	Council
Joyce Hergenhan	Council
Sydney King	Council
Patti Spaght ◊	Council
Jeffrey Earls	Deacons
Ellery Malkin	Education
Elinor Biggs	Missions
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes “At Large Member”

